

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A DNA selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) DNA comprising the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1; and
 - (b) ~~DNA comprising a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2;~~
 - (c) ~~DNA comprising a polynucleotide encoding an amino acid sequence that is at least 80 % identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2; and,~~
 - (d) ~~DNA comprising a polynucleotide encoding a fragment of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the fragment binds an IL-1 receptor family member.~~
 - (e) DNA that is the complement of DNA that is capable of hybridization to a DNA of (a)-(d) under conditions of ~~moderate~~ high stringency and which ~~encodes polypeptides of the invention;~~ is at least 98% identical to SEQ ID NO:1.
 - (f) ~~DNA which is degenerate, as a result of the genetic code, to a DNA defined in (a)-(e).~~
2. (original) DNA comprising nucleotide residues 112-585 of SEQ ID NO:1.
3. (currently amended) The DNA of claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide that encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
4. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 1.
5. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 2.
6. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 3.
7. (original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 4.
8. (original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 5.
9. (original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 6.
10. (original) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 7 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.

Claims 11 through 22 previously cancelled.